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NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: On Thursday, June 17, Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of John C. Danforth, of Missouri, to be U.S. Representative to the United Nations with the rank of Ambassador; and to be U.S. Representative in the Security Council of the United Nations; and to be U.S. Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the United Nations, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Bond and Talent, and former Senator Eagleton, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Douglas L. McElhaney, of Florida, to be Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Aldona Wos, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia, who was introduced by Senator Dole, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Charles Graves Untermeyer, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the State of Qatar, who was introduced by Senators Hutchison and Cornyn, and William T. Monroe, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 8 public bills, H.R. 4625–4632; and; 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 99–100; H. Con. Res. 458–459, and H. Res. 684, were introduced. **Pages H4646–47**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H4647**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3266, to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to make grants to first responders, amended (H. Rept. 108–460, Pts. 3 and 4);

H.R. 3742, to designate the United States courthouse and post office building located at 93 Atocha Street in Ponce, Puerto Rico, as the “Luis A. Ferre United States Courthouse and Post Office Building” (H. Rept. 108–556);

H.R. 3884, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 615 East Houston Street in San Antonio, Texas, as the “Hipolito F. Garcia Federal Building and United States Courthouse” (H. Rept. 108–557);

H.R. 4548, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, amended (H. Rept. 108–558); and

H. Res. 683, providing for consideration of H.R. 4613, making appropriations for the Department of

Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005 (H. Rept. 108–559). **Page H4646**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Renzi to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H4583**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:43 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H4584**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Expressing the gratitude of the House for the contributions of America's community banks: H. Res. 591, expressing the gratitude of the House of Representatives for the contributions made by America's community banks to the Nation's economic well-being and prosperity and the sense of the House of Representatives that a month should be designated as “Community Banking Month”, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 364 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 276; **Pages H4585–87, H4615–16**

Homeownership Opportunities for Native Americans Act of 2004: H.R. 4471, to clarify the loan guarantee authority under title VI of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996; **Pages H4586–88**

Helping Hands for Homeownership Act of 2004: H.R. 4363, amended, to facilitate self-help housing home ownership opportunities, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays

vote of 368 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 277; **Pages H4588–90, H4616**

Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2004: S. 2238, to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to reduce losses to properties for which repetitive flood insurance claim payments have been made—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H4590–98**

Requiring the Office of Personnel Management to present options for providing dental and vision benefits to Federal employees: H.R. 3751, amended, to require that the Office of Personnel Management study and present options under which dental and vision benefits could be made available to Federal employees and retirees and other appropriate classes of individuals; **Pages H4599–S4600**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: to require that the Office of Personnel Management study current practices under which dental, vision, and hearing benefits are made available to Federal employees, annuitants, and other classes of individuals, and to require that the Office also present options and recommendations relating to how additional dental, vision, and hearing benefits could be made so available. **Page H4600**

2004 District of Columbia Omnibus Authorization Act: H.R. 3797, to authorize improvements in the operations of the government of the District of Columbia; **Pages H4600–02**

Newell George Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 4222, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 550 Nebraska Avenue in Kansas City, Kansas, as the “Newell George Post Office Building”; **Pages H4602–03**

Recognizing the 40th anniversary of the deaths of Andrew Goodman, James Chaney, and Michael Schwerner: H. Con. Res. 450, recognizing the 40th anniversary of the day civil rights organizers Andrew Goodman, James Chaney, and Michael Schwerner gave their lives in the struggle to guarantee the right to vote for every citizen of the United States and encouraging all Americans to observe the anniversary of the deaths of the 3 men by committing themselves to ensuring equal rights, equal opportunities, and equal justice for all people; **Pages H4604–06**

Congratulating Randy Johnson of the Arizona Diamondbacks on pitching a perfect game on May 18, 2004: H. Res. 660, congratulating Randy Johnson of the Arizona Diamondbacks on pitching a perfect game on May 18, 2004, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nay vote of 367 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 278; **Pages H4606–07, H4616–17**

Congratulating the Detroit Pistons on winning the 2004 NBA Championship: H. Res. 679, con-

gratulating the Detroit Pistons on winning the 2004 National Basketball Association Championship; **Pages H4607–10**

Western Shoshone Claims Distribution Act: H.R. 884, amended, to provide for the use and distribution of the funds awarded to the Western Shoshone identifiable group under Indian Claims Commission Docket Numbers 326–A–1, 326–A–3, and 326–K; **Pages H4610–12**

Tribal Forest Protection Act of 2004: H.R. 3846, amended, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement or contract with Indian tribes meeting certain criteria to carry out projects to protect Indian forest land; **Pages H4612–13**

Amending the Bend Pine Nursery Land Conveyance Act: S. 1848, to amend the Bend Pine Nursery Land Conveyance Act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to sell the Bend Pine Nursery Administration Site in the State of Oregon clearing the measure for the President; and **Pages H4613–14**

John Muir National Historic Site Boundary Adjustment Act: H.R. 3706, to adjust the boundary of the John Muir National Historic Site. **Pages H4614–15**

Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2004—Technical Correction: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 458, directing the Secretary of the Senate to make technical corrections in the enrollment of the bill S. 2238. **Page H4598**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:48 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H4615**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4615–16, H4616 and H4616–17. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:34 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2005

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 4613, Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2005, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. Under the rules of the House the bill shall be read